

one or more lateral surfaces ⁵⁵ on the proximal end of the body defining a recess ⁵¹ for receiving the proximal end of the syringe therein, the lateral surfaces comprising a locking mechanism ⁵⁸ for substantially permanently engaging the lip on the proximal end of the syringe received in the cavity;

a shield ⁶⁰ slidably attached to the body, and having open proximal and distal ends, the shield being slidable between an unguarded and a guarded position, the needle on the syringe extending through the open distal end in the unguarded position and being covered by the shield in the guarded position; and

cooperating detents ⁷¹ on the shield and body for holding the shield in the unguarded and guarded positions.

detent pockets 40, 42 on body

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63. The guard of claim 62, wherein the locking mechanism comprises locking detents ^{58b} in the lateral surfaces for engaging the proximal end of the syringe received in the cavity, thereby substantially permanently locking the syringe in the body.

64. The guard of claim 63, wherein the locking detents have tapered proximal edges and blunt distal edges for substantially permanently receiving the lip on the syringe thereunder.

65. The guard of claim 63, wherein the locking detents define slots ⁵⁷ for receiving the lip therein, thereby preventing the syringe from being removed proximally from the body.

66. The guard of claim 62, wherein the cooperating detents comprise one or more cooperating detents and detent pockets on the body and the shield, at least one of the cooperating detents and detent pockets releasably holding the shield in the unguarded position, and at least one of the cooperating detents and detent pockets comprising a blunt proximal region for substantially permanently locking the shield in the guarded position.

67. The syringe of claim 62, further comprising a finger ledge on one of the body and the shield.

68. A syringe comprising:
a syringe holding medication comprising proximal and distal ends, the syringe comprising a needle extending from the distal end and a lip on the proximal end;
a body comprising a cavity for receiving the syringe axially therein through an open proximal end of the body, and comprising an open distal end;
one or more lateral surfaces on the proximal end of the body defining a recess for receiving the proximal end of the syringe therein, the lateral surfaces comprising a locking mechanism for engaging the lip to substantially permanently encapsulate the syringe in the body;
a shield slidably attached to the body, and having open proximal and distal ends, the shield being slidable between an unguarded and a guarded position, thereby uncovering and covering, respectively, the needle on the syringe; and

cooperating detents on the shield and body for holding the shield in the guarded and unguarded positions.

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69. The syringe of claim 68, further comprising a finger ledge on one of the body and the shield.

70. The syringe of claim 69, wherein the finger ledge is on the proximal end of the body.

71. The syringe of claim 69, wherein the finger ledge comprises a finger hold on the shield.

72. The syringe of claim 68, wherein the locking mechanism comprises locking detents in the lateral surfaces for engaging the proximal end of the syringe received in the cavity, thereby substantially permanently locking the syringe in the body.

73. The guard of claim 72, wherein the locking detents have tapered proximal edges and blunt distal edges for substantially permanently receiving the lip on the syringe thereunder.

74. The guard of claim 72, wherein the locking detents define slots for receiving the lip therein, thereby preventing the syringe from being removed proximally from the body.

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75. The guard of claim 68, wherein the cooperating detents comprise one or more cooperating detents and detent pockets on the body and the shield, at least one of the cooperating detents and detent pockets releasably holding the shield in the unguarded position, and at least one of the cooperating detents and detent pockets comprising a blunt proximal region for substantially permanently locking the shield in the guarded position.

76. A guard for a syringe comprising a proximal end and a distal end, a lip on the proximal end, and a needle extending from the distal end, the guard comprising:

a substantially rigid body comprising a cavity for receiving the syringe axially therein through an open proximal end of the body, and comprising an open distal end;

one or more lateral surfaces on the proximal end of the body substantially enclosing a recess for receiving the proximal end of the syringe therein;

one or more locking detents extending from the one or more lateral surfaces for engaging the lip to substantially permanently encapsulate the syringe in the body;

a shield slidably attached to the body, and having open proximal and distal ends, the shield being slidable between an unguarded and a guarded position, thereby uncovering and covering, respectively, the needle on the syringe; and

cooperating detents on the shield and body for holding the shield in the unguarded and guarded positions.

77. The guard of claim 76, wherein the one or more locking detents extend from the one or more lateral surfaces into the recess to lockably capture the lip of the syringe thereunder when the syringe is received within the cavity.

78. The guard of claim 76, wherein the locking detents have tapered proximal edges and blunt distal edges for substantially permanently receiving the lip on the syringe thereunder.

79. The guard of claim 76, wherein the cooperating detents comprise one or more cooperating detents and detent pockets on the body and the shield, at least one of the cooperating detents and detent pockets releasably holding the shield in the unguarded position, and at least one of the cooperating detents and detent pockets comprising a blunt proximal region for substantially permanently locking the shield in the guarded position.

80. A guard for a syringe comprising a proximal end and a distal end, a lip on the proximal end, and a needle extending from the distal end, the guard comprising:

a body comprising a cavity for receiving the syringe axially therein through an open proximal end of the body, and comprising an open distal end, the proximal end of the body comprising a plurality of slots for receiving a portion of the lip of the syringe therein for substantially permanently locking the syringe to the body;

a shield slidably attached to the body, and having open proximal and distal ends, the shield being slidable between an unguarded and a guarded position, the needle on the syringe

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extending through the open distal end in the unguarded position and being covered by the shield
in the guarded position; and

cooperating detents on the shield and body for holding the shield in the unguarded and
guarded positions.

81. The guard of claim 80, wherein the proximal end of the body comprises locking
detents defining the slots.

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